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**Renewable Fuels Association**

July 27, 2007

Surface Transportation Board  
Attn STB Ex Parte No 670  
395 E Street, S W  
Washington, D C 20423-0001

The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) applauds the Surface Transportation Board (STB) on the establishment of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) and nominates Jim Redding, Vice President at Aventine Renewable Energy, to be appointed as a member of the Committee as a biofuels producer. Aventine Renewable Energy supplies more than 700 million gallons annually of the nation's growing ethanol needs through its wholly owned plant in Pekin, Illinois, partially-owned Nebraska Energy plant in Aurora, Nebraska, and business relationships and marketing alliances. Jim Redding has unmatched experience and knowledge of the ethanol industry (curriculum vitae attached). Mr. Redding has "hands on" experience in all aspects of the ethanol business, with over 25 years of involvement in ethanol manufacturing, marketing and transportation.

RFA is the national trade association representing the U.S. ethanol industry. Ethanol has become an essential component of the U.S. motor fuel market. Currently, 121 ethanol biorefineries nationwide have a capacity to produce nearly 6.3 billion gallons annually. Additionally, 76 biorefineries are under construction and are expanding that will add more than 6.2 billion gallons of capacity when complete. The establishment of a RETAC is important and timely given the dramatic growth of the domestic ethanol industry, and the increasingly important role of continued development of rail infrastructure for our nation's biofuels industry.

Recognizing the immense value a safe ethanol industry, Mr. Redding initiated and remains the chairman of the Renewable Fuels Association Safety Committee after several years. His commitment to safety is seen through his leadership and dedication to improving the safety performance throughout the ethanol process. The RFA Safety Committee continues to promote the highest safety expectations and performance standards. This committee provides leadership, education opportunities, and vital communication to ethanol producers, industry-related business and safety professionals in all industries. Mr. Redding has also provided guidance and leadership to the ethanol industry through the RFA Technical Committee. His contribution is proven through the ethanol industry offering a high quality fuel to consumers.

Over the past several years, the ethanol industry has expanded a "Virtual Pipeline" through aggressive use of the rail system, barge and truck traffic. As a result, we can move product quickly to those areas where it is needed. Many ethanol plants have the capability to load unit trains of ethanol for shipment to ethanol terminals in key markets. Unit trains are quickly becoming the norm, not the exception, which was not the case just a few years ago. This growth required the rapid and continuing development of infrastructure in many areas around the country that had not previously used ethanol. Railroad companies are working with our industry to develop infrastructure to meet future demand for ethanol. We will continue to work together to put in place the necessary infrastructure to make sure that in any market we need to ship ethanol there is rail access at gasoline terminals, and that those terminals are able to take unit trains.

With the ethanol industry widely viewed as the railroads likely biggest potential growth driver, the RFA has a direct interest in, and resolutely supports, the RETAC. Mr. Redding's record of service and dedication to the biofuels industry is undeniable. The RFA respectfully asks the STB to consider Jim Redding to be a representative of biofuels producers on the newly established RETAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Dinneen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bob Dinneen  
President and CEO

Attachment

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**JAMES M. REDDING**  
**Vice President – External Relations**  
**Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc.**

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**SUMMARY**

Executive with 25 years experience in sales, marketing, and business management  
Energetic individual possessing the ability to motivate and work effectively with a diverse  
group of people Knowledgeable in all aspects of marketing ethanol, co-products and  
brewers yeast as well as corn purchasing and logistics Well respected by customers, co-  
workers and with in the industry

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc, Pekin, IL**  
**Vice President – External Relations**

**2005 - Present**

Responsible for the Alliance business, co-products, brewers yeast and working with  
government officials and industry representatives to resolve issues affecting the ethanol  
industry

Lead a team to achieve a five fold growth in ethanol sales from 1993-2005 to +700  
million gallons per year Established extensive distribution system of 48 terminals, a  
purchase/resale program and eleven marketing alliances to achieve these sales results  
Developed marketing plan for Bio-Products which was successful in taking a start-up  
venture from zero sales in 1998 to 16 thousand tons in 2001, which was 97% capacity of  
the plant Continuc to expand Bio-Products sales with planned volume of 24 thousand  
tons by 2007 or a 50% increase

**Vice President of Marketing and Logistics**

**2003 - 2005**

**Director of Marketing and Logistics**

**2001 - 2003**

**Director of Marketing**

**1993 - 2001**

**Marketing Manager - Fuel Ethanol**

**1992 - 1993**

**Manager - Wholesale Marketing**

**1987 - 1992**

**Marketing Representative - Ethanol**

**1983 - 1987**

**HONEYWELL, INC., Peoria, IL**

**1980 - 1983**

**Contract Service Representative**

**EDUCATION**

University of Illinois, Champaign, IL - Executive MBA Program (1992)  
Winona State University, Winona, MN – B S - Business Administration (1976)

**SPECIAL ACHEIVEMENTS**

1990 “Man of the Year” Award from Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**Renewable Fuels Association – Chairman Plant & Employee Safety Committee**  
**American Coalition for Ethanol – Board Member**  
**Ethanol Promotion and Informational Council – Vice President**  
**National Petrochemical Refiners Association**

**PERSONAL**

Wife, Tish and two children